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Emergency Funds Approved for High Desert Red Cross

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a proposal by First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt to allocate \$5,000 to the High Desert Chapter of the American Red Cross. The funds will be used to support its various programs that provide preparation for and relief to individuals during emergencies, as well as to provide emergency repairs to the Red Cross office, which was damaged by recent rains.

“The Red Cross routinely rushes to the aid of families and individuals impacted by natural disasters, fires and other calamities,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “It’s incumbent upon us to offer the same relief to them when they are in need.”

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its mission to provide relief to victims of disasters and to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. As one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, it annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 63,000 disasters in the United States alone. Additionally, the American Red Cross provides training in vital lifesaving skills, direct health and community services, as well as transmits nearly 1.4 million emergency messages between members of the U.S Armed Forces and their families. The High Desert Chapter of the American Red Cross specifically acts as a preparedness partner with all of the communities within the High Desert.

This allocation will assist the Red Cross with emergency roof repairs as well as supporting its mission of promoting the safety, health, and well-being of County residents by supporting through its various disaster preparedness and relief programs throughout the High Desert region.

The financial assistance is being provided from Supervisor Mitzelfelt’s office’s discretionary budget.